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## We Were Created to Dominate, Not Be Dominated

God's eternal purpose never changes. He is committed the original purpose for man; which was for man to dominate the planet on His behalf. Trapped inside every one of us is a dominion spirit crying for release and a dominion mandate waiting to be exercised. It is this natural spirit of dominion that causes us to naturally rebel against any attempt to dominate or control our lives or destiny.

Whether the oppression comes from religion or the world systems, humans were not meant to live a life of subjugation and will always resist oppression. We were not created to be dominated, but to dominate in every area of our life.

This was evident as soon as the first Christians received the Holy Spirit:

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We see here how the mastery of money that once dominated them now had to bow and become a slave to the Kingdom of God. In Christ they found the freedom to rule as they had been created to do, rather than to be ruled by their own uncontrolled desires.

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God was not a King until He created a realm over which to rule. A king cannot be a king unless he has something to rule over. Until that time, He was just God - omniscient and omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit standing on nothing but by the corner of nowhere. Then, in accordance with His nature, He created first a spiritual realm and then a physical realm.

If God was fully complete within Himself, why did He create the universe and everything in it, both seen and unseen? He did it for His own pleasure and because He is by nature a Creator. Creating is His natural expression. Upon completing His creation, the Creator became King of creation because now He had a realm to rule over.

The difference between His rule in the spiritual realm and the physical realm is that in the former He rules it directly and in the latter He has chosen to rule through human envoys created in His image to rule the earth in His name as His representatives.

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# Religion is Distraction from God's Eternal Purpose

All forms of religion and government represent man's self-centered, vain and frustrating attempt to reconstruct what he lost; his relationship with God and His Kingdom. But these never amount to anything more than unsatisfying substitutes. Man was designed to be a king in God's Kingdom, but religion and government preoccupies people in order to distract them from fulfilling their assignment in the Kingdom.

Mankind longs for the attainment of its right place in the Kingdom of God. This is what it means to be righteous. But, they continue to toil through their own man-made channels to try and attain it instead of implementing God's simple strategy He established from the start and returned to man through the payment of Jesus Christ...ruling the visible world of man from the invisible world of the spirit through the vessel of man.

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## Heaven's Earthly Ambassadors

Adam, the first royal representative of heaven's kingdom on earth, was delegated the responsibility of serving as heaven's earthly ambassador. An ambassadorial representative is only as viable and legal as his relationship with His government. Therefore, the most important relationship the first man, Adam, had on earth was with heaven. This is why the Holy Spirit of God was intimate with mankind from the beginning.

His indwelling presence guaranteed constant communication and fellowship with the will, mind, intent, and purposes of God and heaven so that He could execute His government's will on earth. This relationship made the Holy Spirit of God the most important Person on earth and established Him as the key component of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The loss or separation of man from the Holy Spirit of God would render mankind a disqualified envoy of heaven on earth, for he would not know the will or mind of the government of heaven for earth.

As we read the Genesis record of the encounter of mankind with the adversary, the devil, in chapter 3, we see that the goal of the attack was to drive man from the garden of relationship with God and heaven, resulting in the loss of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

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